Degeneration in the health of cattle in Travancore.

66. *Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether they are aware of the degeneration in the health of cattle in Travancore and the fast dwindling in their number;

(*b*) whether any measure has been taken by the Agricultural Department for the improvement of cattle; and

(*c*) if so, in what way?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Schemes for the grading up of cows in Trivandrum and of buffaloes in Koovapady (Perumbavoor) and a system of awarding grants for the maintenance of good stud bulls are being carried out. The Administration Reports published by the Agricultural Department may be referred to for detailed information.

Malayattur Division of the Forest Department.

67. *Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of the officers of the Malayattur Division of the Forest Department who had been at their present stations for more than five years and the period during which they were in their respective stations?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar: There are no officers of the Malayattur Forest Division who have been at their present stations for more than five years.

Paper making as a cottage industry.

68. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan (*Karunagapalli, Karthikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Sherthala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any investigation with regard to the possibility of paper making as a cottage industry to be introduced into Travancore; and

(*b*) whether tolerably useful paper is made as a cottage industry anywhere in India?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) The matter is under investigation.

(*b*) Yes.

69. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of co-operative (primary) societies in the State at the beginning of the year 1115;

(*b*) the number of multi-purposes societies registered during the current year;

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